

**Listing of Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Pulverulent materials and mixtures thereof, comprising one or more surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxides wherein the surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxide is

(a) a silanized structure-modified silica having alkylsilyl groups of the formula  $\text{SiC}_n\text{H}_{2n+1}$  where  $n=2-18$  which are octylsilyl and/or hexadecylsilyl attached to said silica, and having the following physiochemical properties:

BET surface area	25-400 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Average primary particle size	5-50 nm
pH value	3-10
Carbon content	0.1-25% [[; or]]

~~(b) a silanized structure-modified silica, which is characterized by having a group attached to said silica, said group being selected from the group consisting of dimethylsilyl and monomethylsilyl, and mixtures thereof, having the following physicochemical data:~~

BET surface area	25-400 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Average primary particle size	5-50 nm
pH value	3-10
Carbon content	0.1-10%
DBP number %:	<200.

2. (Currently Amended) Method of improving the flowability of pulverulent materials and mixtures thereof, comprising adding to the pulverulent materials and mixtures thereof one or more surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic

oxides wherein the surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxide is

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Carbon content	0.1-10%
DBP number %:	<200.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A composition of matter comprising at least one pulverulent material which is a fire-extinguishing powder and at least one surface-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxide wherein the surface-modified and structure-modified pyrogenically prepared metalloid or metallic oxide is

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<del>DBP number %:</del>	<del>&lt;200.</del>

5.-14. (Cancelled)